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**IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Cartlege
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For: Apparatus for implanting surgical
devices for controlling the internal
circumference of an anatomic orifice
or lumen

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Introductory Comments

This is in response to the office action mailed 2/17/2006. With an extension of time of 3 month, which extension is hereby requested, this response is timely filed.

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